

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
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Application No.: Divisional of Application) Group Art Unit: 2622
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For: IMAGE OUTPUT CONTROL) January 16, 2002
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Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, before "BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION", please insert the following:

--This is a divisional application of Application No. 09/062,522, filed on April 28, 1998.--

Please substitute the following paragraph for the paragraph starting at page 19, line 2 and ending at line 3. A marked-up copy of this paragraph, showing the changes made thereto is attached.

--FIGS. 24(a), 24(b) and 24(c) illustrate examples of displays indicating images to be reproduced in the eighth embodiment;--

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 1-62 without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter recited therein. Please add the following claims.

63. (New) An image reproduction control apparatus, comprising:

 a storage unit using a detachable memory, the detachable memory storing a plurality of reproducible images and a reproduction instruction file, the reproduction instruction file including one or more file names specifying one or more images to be reproduced, the one or more file names in an order;

 a reading section for reading the reproduction instruction file to determine the one or more file names specifying one or more images to be reproduced;

 a reproduction control section for controlling reproduction of the one or more images to be reproduced by reading, in order, the one or more images to be reproduced specified by the reproduction instruction file; and

 a display control section for controlling display, in a display unit, so that a user may confirm whether or not reproduction of the one or more images is to be performed, the display unit displaying, in order, one of (i) the one or more images to be reproduced, or (ii) the one or more file names specifying the one or more images to be reproduced.

64. (New) The image reproduction control apparatus of claim 63, further comprising a recording section for recording the reproduction instruction file in the detachable memory in accordance with user input.

65. (New) The image reproduction control apparatus of claim 63, wherein said display unit displays the one or more images to be reproduced specified by the reproduction instruction file.

66. (New) The image reproduction control apparatus of claim 63, wherein said display displays the one or more file names included in the reproduction instruction file.

67. (New) The image reproduction control apparatus of claim 63, further comprising an operation section for starting the reproduction in accordance with input from a user and for performing the reproduction of the one or more images to be reproduced after the user confirms that the one or more images specified by the reproduction instruction file are to be reproduced.

68. (New) The image reproduction control apparatus of claim 63, wherein the reproduction instruction file includes one or more reproduction instructions, and one or more of the instructions is a print instruction.

69. (New) The image reproduction control apparatus of claim 63, wherein said display control section is operated in accordance with the attachment of said detachable memory.

70. (New) A method of controlling image reproduction, the method comprising:

providing a storage unit using a detachable memory, the detachable memory storing a plurality of reproducible images and a reproduction instruction file, the reproduction instruction file including one or more file names specifying one or more images to be reproduced, the one or more file names in an order;

reading the reproduction instruction file to determine the one or more file names specifying one or more images to be reproduced;

controlling reproduction of the one or more images to be reproduced by reading, in order, the one or more images to be reproduced specified by the reproduction instruction file; and

controlling display, in a display unit, so that a user may confirm whether or not reproduction of the one or more images is to be performed, the display unit displaying, in order, one of (i) the one or more images to be reproduced, or (ii) the one or more file names specifying the one or more images to be reproduced.

71. (New) A computer-readable storage medium storing a program for executing a method of controlling image reproduction, wherein the method comprises:

providing a storage unit using a detachable memory, the detachable memory storing a plurality of reproducible images and a reproduction instruction file, the reproduction instruction file including one or more file names specifying one or more images to be reproduced, the one or more file names in an order;

reading the reproduction instruction file to determine the one or more file names specifying one or more images to be reproduced;

controlling reproduction of the one or more images to be reproduced by reading, in order, the one or more images to be reproduced specified by the reproduction instruction file; and

controlling display, in a display unit, so that a user may confirm whether or not reproduction of the one or more images is to be performed, the display unit displaying, in order, one of (i) the one or more images to be reproduced, or (ii) the one or more file names specifying the one or more images to be reproduced.

72. (New) An image reproduction control apparatus for reproducing an image, comprising:

a storage unit using a detachable memory, the detachable memory storing a plurality of reproducible images and a reproduction instruction file containing one or more file names specifying one or more images to be reproduced, the one or more file names in an order;

a control section for determining whether a reproduction instruction file is present in the detachable memory;

a reading control means for reading the reproduction instruction file stored in the detachable memory to determine the one or more file names specifying one or more images to be reproduced if said control section determines that the reproduction instruction file is present in the detachable memory; and

a reproduction control section for controlling reproduction of the one or more images to be reproduced specified by the reproduction instruction file by reading, in order, the one or more images specified by the reproduction instruction file.

73. (New) A method of controlling reproduction of an image in accordance with a reproduction instruction file, the one or more reproduction instruction files containing one or more file names specifying one or more images to be reproduced, comprising:

providing a storage unit using a detachable memory, the detachable memory storing a plurality of reproducible images and a reproduction instruction file containing one or more file names specifying one or more images to be reproduced, the one or more file names in an order;

determining whether a reproduction instruction file is present in the detachable memory;

reading the reproduction instruction file stored in the detachable memory to determine the one or more file names specifying one or more images to be reproduced if said control section determines that the reproduction instruction file is present in the detachable memory; and

controlling reproduction of the one or more images to be reproduced specified by the reproduction instruction file by reading, in order, the one or more images specified by the reproduction instruction file.

74. (New) A computer-readable storage medium storing a program for executing a method of controlling reproduction of an image in accordance with a reproduction instruction file, the reproduction instruction file containing one or more file names specifying one or more images to be reproduced, wherein the method comprises:

providing a storage unit using a detachable memory, the detachable memory storing a plurality of reproducible images and a reproduction instruction file containing one or more file names specifying one or more images to be reproduced, the one or more file names in an order;

memory;

reading the reproduction instruction file stored in the detachable memory to determine the one or more file names specifying one or more images to be reproduced if said control section determines that the reproduction instruction file is present in the detachable memory; and

controlling reproduction of the one or more images to be reproduced specified by the reproduction instruction file by reading, in order, the one or more images specified by the reproduction instruction file.

75. (New) A recording apparatus for recording a reproduction instruction file containing at least one file name specifying at least one image to be reproduced, comprising:

a control section for determining whether or not the reproduction instruction file is present in the detachable memory;

a storage unit using a detachable memory, the detachable memory storing a plurality of reproducible images; and

a recording section for recording the reproduction instruction file in the detachable memory in accordance with input from a user.

76. (New) A method of recording a reproduction instruction file containing at least one file name specifying at least one image to be reproduced, comprising:

determining whether or not the reproduction instruction file is present in the detachable memory;

providing a storage unit using a detachable memory, the detachable memory storing a plurality of reproducible images; and

recording the reproduction instruction file in the detachable memory in accordance with one or more reproduction commands input by a user.

77. (New) A computer-readable storage medium storing a program for executing a method of recording a reproduction instruction file containing at least one file name specifying at least one image to be reproduced, wherein the method comprises:

 determining whether or not the reproduction instruction file is present in the detachable memory;

 providing a storage unit using a detachable memory, the detachable memory storing a plurality of reproducible images; and

 recording the reproduction instruction file in the detachable memory in accordance with one or more reproduction commands input by a user.

REMARKS

The specification has been amended as to matters of form to reflect amendments made in the parent case and to reflect the lineage of the application.

Claims 63-77 are pending in the present application. Claims 63 and 69-77 are the independent claims.

Claims 1-62 have been canceled without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter recited therein. Claims 63-77 are newly-presented. Support for newly-presented Claims 63-71 may be found at least at, for example, pages 49-60 and Figures 16-19 of the specification. Support for newly-presented Claims 72-77 may be found at least at, for example, pages 28-33 and Figures 4-6 of the specification. No new matter has been added.

A Request for Approval of Drawing Change is submitted concurrently herewith. Favorable consideration is requested.

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Applicant submits that the present application is in allowable form. Favorable consideration and an early allowance are respectfully solicited.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be direct to our below-listed address.

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APPENDIX

VERSION SHOWING CHANGES MADE TO SPECIFICATION

The paragraph starting at page 19, line 2 and ending at line 3 has been amended as follows.

--FIGS. 24(a), 24(b) and 24(c) illustrate [FIG 24 illustrates] examples of displays indicating images to be reproduced in the eighth embodiment;--

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REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF DRAWING CHANGE

Sir:

Applicant requests approval to amend Figure 6(b) of the drawings in the above-identified application to change the second occurrence of "Fig. 6(b)" to --Fig. 6(c)--, as shown in red ink on the attached drawing sheet. The change is being made to conform to a change made to Figure 6(b) in the parent Application No. 09/062,552 on April 17, 1998. No new matter is being added.

Favorable consideration is requested.

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Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

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FIG.6(a)

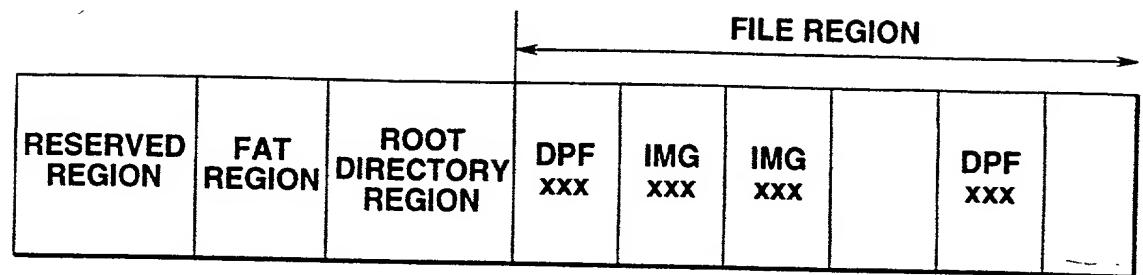


FIG.6(b)

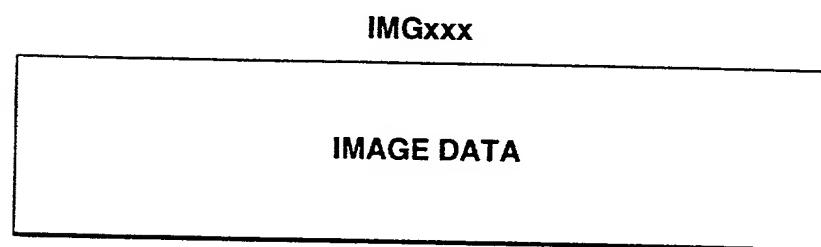


FIG.6(b) -- FIG.6(c) --

